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Total 124

Of the above 34. are Nonresident

# Call of the Church to Rev Wm P. Alcott

At a business meeting of the First Church in Boxford held Jan'y 17. 1881

James P. Cleaveland was chosen Moderator

Voted. To invite Rev Wm P. Alcott to settle with us in the Christian Ministry as pastor and religious teacher.

Voted To choose a committee of three to communicate the action of the Church to Mr Alcott in case the Parish concur.

Chose Rev W S Coggin
Dea J. K. Cole
John Sawyer
} Committee

Voted That this Committee be authorized to make arrangements for the installation of Rev Mr Alcott in case the Parish concur and he accepts

Attest Ansell Dorman
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## Concurrence of the Parish

At a legal meeting of the Members of the First Parish in Boxford held Jan'y 26. 1881

Chose J. P. Cleaveland Moderator.

Voted To concur with the Church in extending a call to Rev Wm P. Alcott to become our Pastor and Religious Teacher.

Voted To give him $800. per year, also the use of the Parsonage and 3 Sabbaths vacation per year.

Voted That either party, Pastor or Parish, may sever the connection by giving two months notice.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to serve and act with the Committee chosen by the Church in regard to extending the call to Rev'd Mr Alcott. and if he accepts, they are to attend to his settlement

Chose The following gentlemen a Committee
A. Dorman, Wm P. Cleaveland & J. P. Cleaveland

A true Copy Attest
B. S. Burns
Parish Clerk

A true Copy Attest
Arvill Dorman Clerk of 1st Church

# Mr Alcott's acceptance

To Rev W.S. Coggin Dea John H. Cole & Mr John Savage Committee of the First Church in Boxford Mass, and Messrs A Dorman, Wm P. Cleaveland and James P. Cleaveland Com. of the First Parish in Boxford.

Dear Brethren.

Your letters inviting me to become your pastor and teacher were received one week since After a prayerful consideration of my master's will I feel convinced that he will have me recognize His voice in your invitation, and I hereby formally accept your call as extended. I could wish as you do that it were possible to offer me a larger salary, But if you shall contribute richly unto me in that spiritual cooperation which will be very largely the measure of our success in the Lord's work, I shall be more than satisfied. Indeed the cordiality with which you have already listened to my preaching and welcomed me to your homes, makes me hope that the Holy Spirit may be pleased to bless you and make you very fruitful through such suggestions as He shall call forth from my lips – of clay –

I shall be glad at an early date to consult

(over)

concerning a Council which may advise, and act for us in the premises;

Yours brother and fellow Servant
Wm P. Alcott

No Chelmsford Mass
Feb 5 1881

A true Copy
Attest Ancill Doman
Clerk.

## Council

Boxford Mass, March 30. 1881

The Council called by the First Church in Boxford to examine Rev Wm P. Alcott and if it deemed such action proper to install him as Pastor of the Church, assembled in the First Parish Meting house

Rev George Piers was chosen Moderator, and Rev C. C. Hubbard Scribe, when were found to be present.

Rev P. S. Boyd Pastor Amesbury

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| Rev Cyrus Pierce | Pastor | } To Andover |
| Deac Jno F. Kimball | Delegate | |
| Rev C. L. Hubbard | Pastor | |
| George W. Chadwick | Delegate | } West Boxford |
| Rev Benj. Howe | Pastor | } Lynnbrook |
| Emerson Howe | Delegate | |
| Rev S. D. Gammell | Pastor | } Chestnut St. Ch. Lynn |
| Rev George L. Gleason | Pastor | } Manchester |
| Augustus Killam | Delegate | |
| Asa Howe | Delegate | } Middleton |
| Rev D. D. Marsh | Pastor | } Memorial Ch |
| William Sawyer | Delegate | } Georgetown |
| Samuel Todd | Delegate | } Topsfield |
| Rev W. E. C. Wright | Pastor | } Maple St. Ch. |
| J. S. Weston | Delegate | } Danvers |

Also

Rev—David Brennan
Rev Calvin E. Park
Rev John Pike D D.
Rev Wm S. Coggin

The records of the action of the church and

Parish and of their communications with Mr Alcott, his letter of acceptance, the result of the consociation dismissing him from a former charge and his certificate of church membership were laid before the council and were deemed satisfactory. The Council voted that the examination should proceed under the direction of the Moderator

Mr Alcott first gave an account of his religious experience and then followed with a written statement of his theological opinions. After a full and careful examination of the Candidate, the Council being by themselves, Voted that the examination be deemed satisfactory and that a Committee be appointed to arrange with the pastor elect for the installation services. Rev David Brenner and Rev W. E. C. Wright were chosen and reported the following Order

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| Invocation, | Rev C. E. Park |
| Reading of Scripture | Rev C. L. Hubbard |
| Sermon | Rev P. S. Boyd |
| Installing Prayer | Rev W. L. Coggin |

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| Charge to the Pastor | Rev H. D. Gammell |
| Right Hand of Fellowship | Rev Geo L. Gleason |
| Address to the People | Rev W. E. C. Wright |
| Concluding Prayer | Rev John Pike D. D. |

It was voted that after the installation service the council be dissolved.

C. L. Hubbard
Scribe

A true copy
attest
Ancill Dorman
Clerk of 1st Ch Boxford

# Church Transactions

May 1st 1881. A letter missive was read from the 1st Church in Georgetown requesting the attendance of Pastor & Delegate on the 5th inst to consider and act in regard to the installation of Rev Seevi Rogers.

Bro B. F. Barnes was chosen Delegate

May 15th Bro. Dea J. K. Cole and John Sawyer and P.S. Chandler were chosen Delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches at Memorial Ch. Georgetown on Wednesday 18th inst

May 19th At a meeting of the Church the following resolutions were passed

Resolved That while we bow in submission to the will of God, we feel that we have met with a great loss in the removal by death of Dea. Samuel Bixby, the senior officer of this Church.

Resolved That we are grateful to God for sparing him so many years, and endubly

him to perform such long and faithful service.

Resolved That we shall ever cherish his memory with affection, as one who was deeply interested in the welfare of this church, and contributed much to its prosperity.

Resolved That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the church.

A true Copy.

Attest Daniel Denman Clerk

(Dan'l Bixby was chosen Deacon Aug 13. 1852 and held the office till his death April 20-1881 at the age of 82. years)

May 19. 1881 Voted that the female members of the church be allowed and invited to vote in all church matters.

Voted That when the church choose a deacon it shall be for the term of five years

Voted So defer the the choice of a deacon until the evening of the next prayer Meeting - and the Meeting was adjourned accordingly.

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1881

May 26th At the adjourned meeting of the Church, William W. Howe was chosen to the offis of Deacon.

Dec 29. At a meeting of the church John Sawyer was chosen Treasurer of the Church for the ensuing year

Voted That the collections for benevolent objects the coming year be taken as follows

American Missionary Association. First Quarter
American Board Second "
American Home Mis. Society Third "
The last quarter of the year to be left open

Voted To accept the report of the Committee and admit to the membership of the church Miss Emma Atherton and Miss Martha C Turnbull

1882
Jan'y 5th At a Meeting of the Church Mrs Alcott and Mrs Coggin were chosen additional Members of the Church Committee which already consisted of the Pastor and Deacons, to examine Candidates for admission and look after and see to other matters of interest to the Church.

Also at the above named Meeting Deacon Wm H. Howe was chosen Clerk of the Church for the ensuing year

attest
Ansell Dorman, Clerk

1882
May 3d

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee and admit to the membership of the Church, Mrs Lydia S. Howe.

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1882
May 14th

Bro. Dea J. K. Cole and Wife, Dea Wm W. Howe, and J. P. Cleveland, as Alternates were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South conference of churches, at the South Ch. in Peabody on Wed. the 17th inst.

Octob. 20 A letter missive from the Cong. Ch. in Byfield. was received asking the attendance of Pastor & delegate to consider installation of Rev Dr. L. Gleason. By request of said Ch. & Pastor Elect, Rev W. S. Coggin was Chosen to attend as pastor & James P. Cleveland was chosen delegate

Octob 27. At a meeting of the Church, the Church Committee were instructed to look after and win back, three members of the Church who had proved recreant to their sacred vows they have taken upon themselves, and to personaly plead with them.

Attest

Wm W. Howe
Church Clerk.

1883
Jan 5.

At a meeting of the Church. Our Pastor gave a brief review of the Church work for the past year, the Church Clerk also made a report of the business transacted by the Church the past year, also a report of the Treasurer was read. John Sawyer was chosen Treasurer of the Church for the ensuing year.

Voted.

That the collections for benevalent Objects the coming year, be taken as follows.

American Board 1st Sunday
One Fourth to the Am. Congregational Union
Am. Missionary Association 3rd Sunday the
" Home Miss. Society 3rd Sunday the
Also Collections be taken one Sunday in the year for the Congregational Building Society. and the last month in the year to be left open for any benevolent Object it was thought best to contribute to.

March 1st At a meeting of the Church, it was voted to use hereafter for Sacramental Wine, the unfermented article in place of the

fermented article formally used for Sacramental purposes.

Voted-

To accept the report of the committee and admit to the membership of the Church Arthur B. Batchelder, Annie L. Conant, Alice M. Eager, Dora E. Howe, Marion Pearson.

## Rev. Wm. T. Alcott's letter of Resignation.

To the First Church and Society, Bedford, Mass. Dear Brothers and Sisters:—

Although my ministry among you has continued but two years I feel that the All-wise Master, whose Son and whose I am, plainly calls me to bring my work in Bedford to a close.

Accordingly I hereby resign my office as your Pastor, said resignation to be subject to the approval of a council and to take effect in two months.

Permit me to add here an expression of my gratitude for the confidence, esteem

sathy, affection and coöperation which I have always received from many of this people. on my part— I need not say that there is no person in Bedford whose soul I do not love and whom I do not hope to meet with those unto whom Christ shall say at the final tribunal: "Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Your fellow-laborer in the blessed gospel!

Mrs. L. Alcott

March 17th 1883.

At a meeting of the First Church in Bedford, held in the Vestry, on the 30th Day of March 1883.

Chose James P. Cleaveland, Chairman.

A letter received from Our Pastor (the Rev. W. P. Alcott) was then read, resigning his Pastorate over this Church to take Effect two months from Date. Voted, to give Church members from a similar denomination liberty to act in the deliberations of the meeting.

Voted, to Accept the resignation of Our Pastor (the Rev. Wm. P. Alcott) the vote was taken by a Yea & Nay Ballott. the vote stood 19 yeas to 21 Nays.

A committee of two were chosen, (Dr. J. F. Stevens and the Clerk of the Meeting) to order the Minutes of the Meeting to the Pastor. Voted to adjourn, subject to the call of a meeting by the same Committee.

Wm. W. Howe
Clerk

At a meeting of the Church, Bro. John K. Cole, Daniel W. Conant, & Ancil Gowen, were chosen committee to call a council, in conference with the Parish Committee, to adjust the difficulties between Pastor and people.

Also chose Bro. Wm S. Coggin & James L. Cleaveland committee to draft out some resolutions respecting his labors among this people.

Voted. To grant the request of our Sister Bro. Geo. A. Wilder, praying for a letter of dismissal from the 1st Church in Boxford and a recommendation to the Cong. Church in Topsfield-

May 6th

Bro. L. P. Cleaveland and Wm A. Howe were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South conference of Churches at the 1st Cong. Church in Marblehead, on Wednesday the 16th inst.

May 9th

At a meeting of the Church, Sister Ann Perkins was granted them (desiring their names sticking from the Church roll) by a vote withdrawing fellowship from them. Voted that the following

resolution be copied into the records of the church and a copy sent to the persons concerned.

Whereas Mr & Mrs Persons have requested this church to drop their names from its roll of members expressing of themselves that their doctrinal views have undergone so radical a change that they ought no longer to be membered with us.

And whereas it is manifestly in vain so far as to the persons named, that the church has done everything which the gospel suggests to lead them to retrace their steps,

Therefore, while praying that God will bring back these wandering members to the faith delivered to the Saints, we hereby withdraw fellowship from Mr & Mrs Persons and they are no longer to be counted members of this Church.

A true Copy.
Attest Wm W. Hoyer. Clerk.

Rev. Wm. T. Alcott's second letter to the Church and Society, resigning his pastorate.

To the First Congregational Church and Society of Boxford.

Dear Brethren.

By vote and petition you have requested me to withdraw the resignation of my pastorate. For these expressions of confidence and love I am deeply grateful.

The question thus reopened has been a trying one to decide for there are difficulties in my situation which few, besides myself can fully appreciate. But after a lengthy and prayerful consideration of the question I have come to this conclusion:-

Though I must wound the hearts of some over whose Christian cooperation and love I shall ever thank the blessed Lord. I yet feel that the welfare of the Church

not to withdraw my resignation.
Seems to me unnecessary at least
now to state more specific reasons.
Thus deciding I should be glad to have
the Church and Society, as soon as possible
appoint Committees to unite with me
in calling a Council to advise and act
with regard to my release from this
pastorate.

Your Brother in the Gospel

Wm. P. Alcott.

Boxford. Apr. 21. 1883.

At a meeting of the church, the following resolution, was read and adopted.

Whereas the Rev. Wm Alcott, in accordance with his conviction of duty, saw fit to resign his pastoral office in this place, therefore—

Resolved, that we exceedingly regret that circumstances were such as to cause him to take this step. His many friends part

with him with great reluctance, regarding him as an able instructive and faithful minister, as possessing the spirit of his divine Master, bearing "no respecter of persons", but interested alike in the welfare of all his flock. He has their warmest sympathy in his trials, they will ever have pleasant remembrances of him, their best wishes will follow him, and their prayers that providence will open to him a field of usefulness, where his eminent abilities and services will be appreciated, and he will experience the blessings of him who "maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it."

Voted.

That the above resolution be entered upon the records of this church, and that the clerk be requested to forward a copy of the same to the Rev. Mr. Alcott.

Bedford, June 3d, 1883.

Wm. H. Howe. Clerk.

"In response to a letter missive from the Cong. church in Bedford, an Ecclesiastical council met in the meeting House at Bedford on the 18th of May, 1883. to give advice concerning the resignation of their Pastor, Rev. Wm. F. Alcott. The Council was organized by choice of Rev. J. D. Ringsbury as Moderator and Rev. D. D. Marsh as Scribe. The Roll of the Council present was as follows:-

Church in Danvers. Rev. C. B. Rice Pastor; Bro. Wm. H. Kimball Delegate.

Church in West Bedford, Rev. C. L. Hubbard. Pastor; Bro. O. P. Killam, Delegate.

Church in Bradford, Rev. J. D. Ringsbury, Pastor; Bro. A. H. Hall Delegate.

First Church in Georgetown, Rev. Levi Rogers, Pastor; Bro. D. W. Stafford, Delegate,

Memorial Church in Georgetown, Rev. D. D Marsh, Pastor; Deac. L. P. Palmer, Delegate.

South Church Haverhill, Rev. R. H. Seely, D. D, Pastor; Deac. A. Wentworth, Delegate.

After prayer by the Moderator the council proceeded to the business for which they were called together. The letter of resignation from the

Pastor was read by the Clerk of the Church and also the action of the church on the same; also a statement respecting a petition of the friends of the Pastor that he would withdraw his resignation, which was largely signed in the Parish. The Clerk of the Parish then made a report of the action of the Parish in their warrant for a parish-meeting and their action on the Pastor's resignation.

A brief statement from Rev. Mr. Alcott was listened to, in which he stated the reasons for which the Council was called, and his impressions respecting his duty in the case. After this remarks which would throw light on the state of things in the Parish were made, Dea. Cole. Bro. Ancil Dunbar. by Mr. Stevens, all uniting in high admiration of the christian character and personal worth and faithfulness of the Pastor. from these statements, the roots of the difficulty in the relation between the pastor and a few in the parish were somewhat brought to light. Further statements respecting the action of the Parish and church were made by Bro. Daniel Gould. and also the state of

the Community. Rev. Mr. Coggin also made a clear and kindly Statement of the State of things in the parish, paying a very high Compliment to the piety, and Scholarship and gentlemanly Spirit of the Pastor. Dea Howe also made a Statement of his view of the State of feeling in the parish; Some remarks were made by Gen. E. Cleaveland. the Council having heard all that was offered on either side respecting the relations Existing between the Pastor and the parish, voted to be by themselves.

In private Session, after having deliberated upon the matter before them, the Council came to the following result:-

Result of the Council:- Having listened with carefullness to the naration of facts pertaining to the Pastors resignation as contained in the official records laid before us. and to the verbal Statements of the Pastor and of members of the church and the parish. We have voted to advise that the pastoral relation now existing be dissolved. We have reached this

clear judgement of the Pastor himself; and in the belief that under all the circumstances of the case, such may be advisable both with respect to the Pastor and to the people.

But we desire to express in the most earnest terms our appreciation of the ability and faithfulness of our Bro. Alcott and the genuine christian spirit he has manifested, and our regret at his removal from among us; and we heartily commend him to the Churches in our fellowship as a man of qualities of mind and heart that should lead him in continuing in this branch of the Master's work.

Concerning the church itself, we wish to make record of our hope that the place to be left vacant may be speedily filled; that harmony may prevail among all the members of the church; and that they may labour together in the maintenance of the Lord's cause, having the respect to the obligations due to him in love and service;

portance of all matters of merely personal or individual interest relating to themselves or to the pastor who may minister among them in the things of the Gospel.

And we also desire to make emphatic mention of our belief that in the settlement of a pastor it is unwise to admit the condition of the dissolution of the engagement thus made upon the giving of a certain definite notice in terms of weeks or months - such a condition being of itself liable to become an occasion of unrest, and having a tendency to impair the permanence and limit the usefullness of the pastoral relation; and we advise that any usage to this effect be hereafter discontinued.

signed: J. D. Kingsbury. Moderator
D. D. Marsh. Scribe.

Bradford. Mass. May. 18th 1883.

A true Copy,
Attest
Wm W. Howe. Clerk.

1883
Sept 30th A letter missive from the Congregational Church in Ipsfield was received asking the attendence of a Delegate, to consider on the 4th & Octob. and act in regards to the installation of Rev. Jno C Crawford.

Bro Dea. John R. Cole was chosen as delegate.

## Call of the Church to Rev. K. K. Kendall

At a business meeting of the First Church in Bedford held Octob 23d 1883.

Chose. B. Frank Barnes, Moderator.

Voted. unanimously to invite Rev. K. K. Kendall to settle with us in the Christian ministry as pastor and religious teacher.

Voted To chose a committee of three to communicate the action of the Church to Mr Kendall in case the Parish concur

Chose Dea. John K. Cole, L. F. Cleaveland, Ancil Forman } Committee

Voted That this committee be authorized to make arraingments for the installation of Rev. Mr Kendall in case the Parish concur, and he accepts the Call.

Attest
Wm W. Howe
Clerk.

Concurrence of the Parish, in the Call to Rev. K.K. Kendall

At a legal meeting of the members of the First Parish in Bedford held Octob. 30th 1883.

Chose L.F. Cleaveland Moderator.

Voted to concur with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. K. K. Kendall to become our Pastor and religious Teacher.

Voted to give him $850. Pr year also the use of the Parsonage and 3 Sabbaths vacation per year.

Voted

To chose a committee of three to serve and act with the committee chosen by the Church in regard to extending the call to Rev. K. K. Kendall and if he accepts they are to attend to his Settlement.

Chose the following Gentleman a committee. Isreal Herrick, Joseph H. Jones, & Wm W. Howe.

A true copy attest

B.S. Barnes

Parish Clerk

A true copy attest

Wm W. Howe

Clerk of 1st Ch. Bedford

Rev. Mr. Kendalls acceptance.

To the First Church and Congregation of Bedford Mass.

Having carefully and prayerfully considered the call, extended to me some weeks since, to become your Pastor and religious teacher. I — hereby signify my acceptance of the same. being perswaded that your action expresses the will of our Heavenly Father. In this fear then let me go forward, taking for my motto the Saviors words. "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand" and may the reward be ours at last of "good and faithfull servants".

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel
Robert K. Kendall

Bedford, Dec. 2. 1883.

Attest a true Copy
Wm K. Hawes
Clerk

Dec. 3. 1883.

A letter missive was received from the Limebrook Cong. Church in Keswick, requesting the attendance of Pastor and delegate on the 8th inst. to consider and act in regard to the Ordination of Rev. Edward N. Briggs.

Bro Wm. F. Grant was chosen delegate.

# Council.

A Congregational Council called by the First Congl Church of Bedford Mass, to examine the Rev. Robert Roy Kendall, and, if deemed expedient, to install him as Pastor of the Church, met at the meeting house, on Thursday, Dec. 27th 1883 at 10 A.M. The roll of the Council was rendered up as follows:

Congl Ch, Amesbury, Rev. T. S. Boyd, Pastor, No. 2 El.
" " Byfield, Rev. C. L. Gleason, Dea. J. M. Root "
First " Danvers Rev. C. B. Rice No "
" " " Georgetown Rev. Levi Rodgers " "
Memorial " " Rev. S. S. March, Dea. L. P. Palmer "
Lineborough " Ipswich Rev. E. A. Briggs, Bro E. Howe "
Chestnut St. Lynn Rev. S. D. Pennell No. "
Congl " Middleton, Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, Bro. G. P. Wilkins.
South " Peabody Rev. W. L. Sperry, Bro. J. K. Cole "
Congl " Topsfield Rev. L. S. Crawford, Bro. S. Todd "
" " Wakefield Rev. D. N. Beach No. "
" " West Bolton Rev. C. L. Hubbard, Bro Dea. N. Sage "

Also Rev. F. H. Palmer, of Bedford.

After the reading of the letter missive the Council organized by the choice of Rev. C. B. Rice as Moderator, and Rev. F. H. Palmer as Scribe. Prayer having been offered by the Moderator, and the Credentials of the members having been presented, the Council listened to the reading of the records of the action of the Church and Parrish in extending the call. The letter of the church and Society inviting Mr Kendall to the pastorate, and his reply to the same, were read by the Scribe. The candidate then presented evidences of his licensure to preach, of his membership in the College Church of Yale College, and also membership in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, N. Y. These papers were found satisfactory.

It was voted that the Moderator proceed to conduct the examination of the

candidate as to his religious experience, motives in entering the ministry, and doctrinal views.

Mr Kendall then gave such a statement, presenting a written paper embodying his views of doctrinal truths.

After a careful examination by the moderator and brethren, it was voted at 12 M. that the examination be suspended and the Council be by itself.

The Council being by itself, and remarks having been made by the various members, it was unanimously voted that the Examination be regarded as satisfactory and that a committee be appointed to arrange the parts in the installation services. There were as follows.

Reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Wm P. Alcott
Prayer by Rev. Wm S. Coggin
Sermon by Rev. W. L. Sperry

Installing Prayer. by Rev. P. S. Boyd.
Charge to the Pastor. by Rev. D. N. Beach.
Right hand of Fellowship Rev. C. L. Hubbard
Charge to the People by Rev. D. D. Marsh
Benediction by the Pastor Elect.

After voting that the council be dissolved at the close of the afternoon Exercises, the council adjourned until 1.30 P.M.

Chas B. Rice. Moderator.
A. H. Palmer Scribe.

A true copy
Attest
Wm. H. Howe
Clerk of the 1st Church Bpfrd

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1884
Jan. 16.

Voted. At a business meeting of the Church. That the Collections for benevolent Objects the coming year, be taken as follows. American Missionary Association 1st 2 mos.
" Home " Society 2d " "
" Board 3d " "
Cong: Union 2 months
New York

Voted. That no letter of Dismission from the church, be granted a member until a weeks notice is given to the Church by a member wishing a letter of dismissial.

Mar. 5th At a meeting of the Church. the request of Sister Wm F. Alcott was granted her, praying to be released from serving on the Church Committee. Miss Mary L. Sawyer was chosen to fill the vacancy.

1881

May 6th At a meeting of the Church, the request of Miss Mary Sawyer was granted her praying to be released from serving on the Church Committee. Mrs Kendall was chosen to fill the vacancy.

May 13th At a meeting of the Church. Bro. J. K. Cole. Wm. S. Coggin & B. S. Farnes were chosen as a nominating Committee.

May 21st Bro. John Sawyer & Sister Mary L. Sawyer were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches at Wenham on Thursday, May 22d

Octob. 12th Rev Wm H. Howe & Rev. B. S. Barnes were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches at Topsfield on Thursday the 16th inst

Octob. 19 Rev. Wm P. Allcott and Miss Mary L. Sawyer were chosen delegates to attend the Missionary Meetings to be held in Salem the 21st 22d and 23d of the present month.

1885

Jan. 5 Voted. That the collections for benevolent objects for the year, be taken as follows,

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| American Home Miss. Society, | 1st | 2 months |
| " Board | | 2 " |
| " Missionary | " | 3 " |
| Cong- Church | | 1 month |
| Seamens Friend | " | 1 " |

The last month in the year, to be left open for any benevolent object it was thought best to contribute for.

1885

Feb. 22d. At a meeting of the Church it was voted, to accept the report of the Committee and admit to the membership of the Church Miss Florence M. Averill

Voted, to grant the request of Mrs Lizzie Mrs. Carrie B. Wilkins praying for a letter of dismissial from the 1st Church Bedford, and a recommendation to the Cong. Church Middleton.

Voted, to grant the request of our brother James H. Hoyt, praying for a letter of dismissial from the 1st Church Bedford, and a recommendation to the College Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Green Castle, Ind.

1885.

May 10 Dea. Wm W. Howe. Bro. Joseph H. Jones. were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches in Swampscott on ~~the~~ Thursday 14th inst.

Octob. 18. Miss. Mary E. Brenner and Miss. Bessie Cleaveland, were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches in Rockport. on wednesday the 22d inst.

Octob 28. At a meeting of the Church. Bro. Wm S. Coggin. James P. Cleaveland and Dea. Wm W. Howe, were chosen as a committee of the church, to confer with Bro. Hiram L. Cheney, in regard to his lack of interest in spiritual matters, becoming a Christian Bro. the committee to report the result of their conference with Bro. Cheney, two weeks from date.

Nov. 11. The committee chosen to confer with Rev. Hiram L. Cheney, make the following report. your Committee called on Rev. Cheney, and in a kindly manner tried to induce him to promise to lead a different life, a more consistant Christian life. than hitherto, but he would make no direct promises to amend his way of life, seemingly to have lost all interest in religious matters.

Nov. 25 At a Church meeting it was voted to devote the monthly contribution for December, to the New West. Mission

1885

Dec, 20th

Voted. That the collections for benevolent objects for the year, be taken as follows,

American Board 1st 2 quar.
" Missionary Ass. 2d "
" Home Miss-Society 3 "
The last quarter of the year to be left open—

1886

May 12 Bro. Geo. B. Killam and Wife were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South conference of Churches in Middleton on Thursday the 13th inst.

June 30th At a meeting of the Church, Bro. Wm. W. Howe was re-elected Deacon for the term of Five years ending may 27th 1891.

Octob. 10. Bros. John Sawyer and Joseph H. Jones were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South conference of Churches in Lynnfield centre on Thursday Octob. 14.

Also James P. Cleaveland was chosen delegate to attend a meeting at the Cong. Church in Topsfield on Monday Octob. 18th at 2. Oclock P. M. to assist in securing the connection between pastor and people.

1887

Jan. 5th Voted. That the collections for benevolent objects for the year be as follows.

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| Home Missionary Society | 1st | 2 mar. |
| Amer. Miss. Association | 2d | " |
| " Board | 3d | " |

The last quarter of the year to be left open.

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Jan. A letter in case was received from the Lynnbrook Cong. Church in Ipswich, requesting the attendance of Pastor and delegate on the 4th inst. to [illegible] and to the Installation

of Rev W. T. Alcott. Bro. John Sawyer was chosen delegate.

May 5. Dea. Wm. W. Howe and L. P. Cleaveland were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches in Essex on Thursday the 20th inst.

June 2 A letter missive was received from the Cong. Church Topsfield asking the attendence of Pastor and delegate to consider in Installation of Rev. Chas. W. Luckon the 27th inst. Dea John K. Cole was chosen delegate

May 6. Bro. John Sawyer and L. H. Dames were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches on Thursday, the 10th inst. at the South Church Salem.

Sept. 19 By a vote of the church, the last Lord's day of the year was decided as follows: Contributions

Octob. Sabbath School Publishing Society

Nov. Congregational Building "

Dec. Seamans Friend. "

1884

Sept. 23. A letter missive was received from the Memorial Church Georgetown asking the attendance of Pastor and delegate the 26th inst to consider the evidence in regards dismission of their Pastor Rev. L.D. Inarch and assist in the same.

Dec. 30th

A letter missive was received from the Memorial Church Georgetown asking our attendance to cooperate with them in considering and assisting in the Installation services of Rev. Johnson to become their Pastor Bro B.S. Bunce was chosen delegate. on Jan. 2. 1885.

1885

Jan 5. At a Business meeting of the Church A.H. Lanee was chosen Deacon for the term of five years. It was voted that the name Bro. Wm H. Douglas be stricken from the Church rolls. Voted. That the collections for benevolent Objects for the year be as follows.

Am. Missionary Society. 1st 2 mar.
Am. Board 2d ..
Home Missionary .. 3d ..
The last 2 marter left open. to be acted upon some further time –
It was Voted. That hereafter all persons desiring to unite with our church by letter. have the articles of the covenant administered at their reception
Wm W. Howe
Church Clerk –

1889
May 5. Deacon L. K. Cole & D. H. Lane were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches to be held at the Lane St Cong. Church Beverly. on Thursday May 9th

Oct 6 Bro Lawson Mitchell and Sister Mary L. Averill were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South conference of Churches to be held at 1st Cong Church Gloucester October 9th

Octob 20th A letter missive was received from the 1st Cong. Church Georgetown, asking the attendence of Pastor and delegate, to consider the evidence in regards to dismissing their Pastor Rev. Levi Rogers, on the 2d inst. and assist in the same. Bro W. H. Howe was chosen delegate.

1890

April 30th At a meeting of the Church, it was voted to invite the Churches of the Essex South Conference to hold their Semi Annual meeting, at Cen Church next fall.

Sept 21st At a meeting of the Church, it was voted to dispense with the Afternoon Service for the present.

Octob 5. Bro. S. K. Lane & Hiram L. Lane were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches, to be held at the 2d (Cong.) Church in Peabody. October 9th inst

1891.

Jan 3.

At a meeting of the Church, the Clerk made a report of the membership, which numbers 130 members, of additions 3. for the year. deaths 3. baptisms 3. the Church role was read. voted to accept the resignation of the Treasurer, John Sawyer, and a vote of thanks was tendered him, for his faithfull services by the Church. Daniel W. Conant was chosen Treasurer to fill vacancy.

Voted to strike from the Church role the name of Mrs George N. Howe. as no knowledge of her domicile could be found, or whether she was living or dead.

April. 12th 1891 A letter missive was received from the 1st Cong. Church in Georgetown. requesting the attendence of Pastor and delegate. on the 15th inst: to Consider and act. in regard to the Installation, of Rev. H.R. Mc. Cartney Bro. Daniel W. Conant was Chosen delegate.

1891.

May 3d At a meeting of the Church. Bro. Wm. N. Howe was realected Deacon of the Church for the term of five years. Ending May 3d. 1896.

"Rev. R. K. Kendall's Letter of Resignation,"

Botford Mass Sept. 6. 1891.

To the First Church
and Parish in Botford,

My dear Friends and People,

Almost eight years ago, I preached for the first time from this familiar pulpit, and in due course of time received a call from you to become your Pastor, which I accepted and entered upon the duties of that office among you. With how much diligence and success I have prosecuted those duties, you are all witnesses today. In the providence of God the time seems to have come when I should return to you the trust which I received from your hands and I hereby resign my office as your pastor and religious teacher, and ask you to summon an Ecclesiastical Council, so soon as may be convenient, to dissolve the pastoral relation hitherto existing between us. and I suggest Oct. 1st as

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the date when this resignation shall take effect.

For several months I have been persuaded that the best interests of the Church as well as of myself required that this Separation should take place, not that I feel that I have exhausted the Gospel message rather I feel that I could go on for Eight years more, and preach better, richer more helpful sermons than I have in the years which are past but my voice has become old to you, you are familiar with my lines of thought, you know my arguments, my appeals are an old story, and in this age which craves novelty and change, I have thought that a new voice, fresh presentations of truth, unfamiliar appeals, another leader might be blessed to him, in developing in your renewed devotion and consecration and success in Christian work, and might foster into a springing life the seed which I have sowed with prayers and tears and anxious thought and love. On the other hand the

necessities of my family seem to demand a new field of labor on account of need of increased school privileges, as well as an increased income. I gratefully acknowledge the punctuality and the fidelity with which you have always met your financial obligations to me. At the same time with the most rigid Economy my salary in Botford has never been sufficient to cover the Expenses of my family. my life here has been a constant anxiety, and my Expences during these Eight years have very greatly exceeded my Salary. I came to Botford with money in my pocket, I go away in debt. I marvel as I look back over these years, and see how I have been able to meet my Expences in many different ways. God has sent me money some of it you have contributed in addition to my Salary, and I have been glad to struggle on here, while it seemed his will & duty not yours but you. now as

unsought by myself. Two urgent invitations have come to me, to accept a new pastorate. I recognize this as the revelation of the divine plan for me, and have accepted a call to the First Church in Plymouth in this State.

I cannot close this letter of resignation without expressing my deep appreciation of the kindness and the confidence which you have manifested toward me your pastor during these eight years, as well as the spirit of harmony and love which has prevailed during this time. I trust that God may keep your hearts still united, and speedily send you another pastor who will be a better pastor to you than I have been. My interest in you will remain unabated. I shall not be far away, and I shall claim a share in all that interests you. With the kindest feelings toward everyone in this church and community, with a love and attachment for many, which I know will continue so long as life exists, praying

that God may grant you grace, mercy, and peace without measure,

I subscribe myself

Very sincerely

Your friend and pastor

Robert K. Kendall.

At a business meeting of the 1st Church in Boxford held in the Vestry, on the 14th of Sept. 1891.

Chose B. S. Barnes, Moderator

Voted. To accept the resignation of our pastor the Rev. R. K. Kendall, the Parish concuring.

Chose. B. S. Barnes & Dea. L. H. Lane, and Thomas L. Sawyer Committee of the Church to confer with the Committee of the Parish in calling a Council.

Chose. Miss Mary L. Sawyer "Committee on resolutions; resolutions were read and adopted, in respect to the late Dea. John K. Cole, the meeting adjourned until next Sunday Morning.

"The following is a Copy of the resolutions read and adopted in respect of the late Dea. J. K. Cole."

At a joint meeting of the First Church and Parish held in Bedford, Sept. 14, 1891 the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas almighty God, in his infinate wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst by death, Dea. John K. Cole who was for forty Eight years a member of this Church, for thirty Eight years a Deacon in this Church, and for thirty years the superintendant of the Sabbath School, and always ready and active in all that pertained to the interests of this church and community.

Resolved. 1. That while bowing in faith and resignation to the Divine Decree, in desire to testify to our sincere sorrow in this hour of our bereavement and to our feeling that in the death of Dea. Cole this Church and Parish and Community, have met with an almost irreparable loss.

Resolved. 2. That we return thanks to

our Heavenly Father for permitting such a man as Dea. Cole to live so long in this Community, and that from his life and example we catch an inspiration which shall stimulate us to increased faithfulness and activity in the service of God and our fellowmen.

Resolved 3. That we extend to the family of our departed brother, our Congratulations that God granted them for so many years the companionship and love, of such a husband and father, and that we assure them of our deepest sympathy in their loss while we Commend them to the God of all Comfort, who Comforteth us in all our afflictions, rejoicing that they do not sorrow as others which have no hope.

Resolved 4. That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Church and parish, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the Salem Mercury for publication.

58 Clam adjourned meeting of the Irish Church in Bofford, the following resolutions were read and adopted.

Whereas Our Pastor, the Rev. K. K. Kendall, has formally communicated his intention to terminate his pastoral connection with this Church in October next, and it is deemed proper some action be taken on the subject by the Church it is therefore,

Resolved: That we very much regret, that circumstances were such as to cause him to take this step, his many friends part with him with great reluctance, regarding him as an able, instructive, and faithfull minister, as possessing the Spirit of his divine master, bearing "no respecter of persons" but interested alike in the welfare of all his flocks.

Resolved: That in reviewing the eight years ministry, now nearly closed, we have abundant reason for gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for sending us one who has labored so earnestly and faithfully to promote the temporal, and Eternal good of his people, and for crowning his labors

with so good a degree of success, and in the prospect of parting with our Pastor, we pledge our best wishes, and earnest prayers, for his welfare, and that success may attend him, in his labors, for the master, in whatever part of his vineyard he may be placed.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be delivered to our Pastor

Voted: That the above resolutions be entered upon the records of the Church.

Voted: That Bro. William W. Howe be a member of the Committee on supplying the pulpit.

Attest
William W. Howe.
Church Clerk

Bedford
September 20th 1891.

In response to letters missive, an Ecclesiastical Council, assembled in the meeting house of the First Cong. Church of Botford Mass. September 22nd 1891. To advise in regard to the resignation of Rev. K. K. Kendall as Pastor.

In view of the facts as presented, the Council is of the unanimous opinion that the relations heretofore existing between the Rev. K. K. Kendall and this church, be dissolved.

The roll of the Council was completed as follows;-

Cong'l. Church, West Botford. C. L. Hubbard, Pastor,
O. P. Killam Delegate.

First Cong'l. Church, Danvers. Wm. H. Kimball "
" " " Georgetown. H. R. McCartney Pastor
A. L. Willett Delegate.

Memorial Church, Georgetown. G. H. Johnson, Pastor.
F. A. Chamberlain Delegate.

Pine Brook Church, Penwich, A. B. Peabody Pastor.
J. G. Chapman Delegate.

Oakhurst Church, Lakefield. A. E. Bradstreet Pastor.
Fred. Stiles Delegate.

also Rev. Wm. J. Coggin, and Rev. C. H. Palmer.

The council trusts that seeking the guidance of the Great Head of the Church, this people may soon be united in the choise of another pastor and continue in vigor and effectiveness.

Geo. F. Johnson Moderator
H. R. McCartney Scribe

Bedford Mass. September 22d 1891.

Attest
Wm W. Howe
Clerk.

Sept 27 At a meeting of the Church, Dea. Wm W. Howe was chosen a delegate to attend an Ecclesiastical Council, to be held at the First Cong. Church North Weymouth Mass, Octob 7th 1891, to advise in the matter of dismissing their Pastor the Rev. F. H. Palmer, and in the matter of Examining the Rev. R. K. Kendall and if it be their opinion Expedient to Continue with the Installing Services.

Call of the Church to the Rev. Sidney A. Burnaby.

At a business meeting of the 1st Church in Bedford, held in the Vestry, Wednesday, December 2d 1891.

B.S. Barnes, was chosen Moderator.

Voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. Sidney A. Burnaby to become our Pastor and religious teacher.

Voted, To chose a Committee of three to communicate the action of the Church to Mr Burnaby.

Chose! & ca. Wm W. Howe
J. P. Killam
D. W. Conant
} Committee

Voted that this Committee be authorized to make arrangements for the Installation of Rev. Mr. Burnaby, in case the Parish Concurs and he accepts.

Wm W. Howe
Church Clerk

A letter was received from Mr. Burnaby, Jan 2. 1892 withdrawing his name as a candidate for the Office of Pastor and Teacher of Our Church and people.

1892

Jan. 31 Voted. That the Contributions for benevolent purposes be taken as follows.

Am. Home Missionary Society 1st Quar.
Am. Board. 2d " "
Am. Missionary Association 3d " "
The 4th Quarter to be left open for further action by the Church.

Call of the Church, to the Rev. Emery L. Bradford.

At a business meeting of the 1st Church in Botford held in the Vestry, Monday, March 28th 1892. Chose. B.S. Barnes, Moderator.

Voted. unanimously to invite Rev. Emery L. Bradford to settle with us in the Christian ministry, as Pastor and religious Teacher.

Voted. To chose a Committee of two to Communicate the action of the Church to Mr. Bradford, in case the Parish Concur,

Chose. Jas. Wm W. Howe } Committee
Daniel W. Conant }

Voted. That this Committee be authorized to make arrangements for the Ordination of Rev. Emery

Call of the Church to Rev. Emery L. Bradford.

L. Bradford. in case the Parish Concur and he accepts.

Attest Wm. W. Howe
Church Clerk

Concurrence of the Parish in the Call of Rev. Emery L. Bradford

At a legal meeting of the members of the 1st Parish in Rutford March 28th 1892.

Chose. Dr. F. L. Stevens Moderator.

Voted. To Concur with the Church in Extending a call to Rev. Emery L. Bradford to become our Pastor and religious Teacher.

Voted To give him $800. Dollars per year and also the use of the Parsonage and three Sabbaths vacation. Voted. To chose a Committee of two to serve and act with the committee of the Church in Extending the call to Rev Mr. Bradford and if he accepts they are to attend to his Settlement.

Chose the following Gentleman as Committee.

Isreal Herrick & Dea. L. H. Lane.

A true Copy Attest
B. S. Barnes
Parish Clerk

A true Copy Attest.
W. W. Howe Clerk of 1st Church.

1892.
May 8.



A letter missive was received from the Memorial Church Georgetown, asking the attendance of Pastor elect and delegate on the 9th of May 1892 to consider the evidence and advise, in regards dismissing of their Pastor Rev. Geo H. Johnson.

Dea. L. H. Lane and Mrs. Abbie R. Gage were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference to be held in the 1st Cong Church, Lynn mass. on Wednesday the 11th inst.

Rev. E. L. Bradfords acceptance.

Andover mass
April 24. 1892.

To the Committee of the First Church and Parish Boxford, Mass.

Dear Brethren:-

I am in receipt of the action of your Parish, taken at the adjourned meeting by which action you accede to my request that $100.00 be added to my yearly salary. For this generous and united action I most heartily thank you.

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I accept now the invitation, you honor me by giving, to assume the pastorate of your Church and Society. I have already told you of the joy and enthusiasm with which I look forward to my work with you. I can add nothing to the spirit of the letter you already have. We can but believe that we have been guided by the Perfect Reason we have both sought.

May His blessing, in the ministering of our Spiritual life, attend our work; may His Spirit lead many into their personal relation to Jesus Christ. You honor me by this expression of your great confidence. I accept the trust from God at your hand. May he make me strong to be faithfull in your service.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace.
I am your Brother in Christ.
Emery E. Bradford.

A true copy.
Attest W. W. Howe.
Clerk.

Council

Botford Mass.
July 1st 1892.

Pursuant with the letter missive sent out by the First Congregational Church of Botford, the ecclesiastical Council convened here at 9.30 A.M.

The letter missive was read by Rev. E. E. Ewing. Choice was made of Rev. E. E. Ewing of Danvers as Moderator, and of Rev. W. P. Landers of Middleton as Scribe.

The roll of the Council was made as follows:

Rev. A. E. Bradsheet, Dea. E. S. Clifford Sel.
Dea. L. H. Cong. Church Topsfield "
Rev. E. C. Ewing Linebrook Church Ipswich "
Rev. C. B. Rice Maple St Church, Danvers Dea. S. L. Sawyer "
Rev. H. R. McCartney. First church Danvers G. K. Peabody "
Rev. R. R. Kendall First Church Georgetown B. W. Stafford "
Rev. L. J. Kingsbury First Church North Weymouth Dea F. A. Richards "
Rev. D. S. Clash, A. M. Bradford S.S. Byng. Perry "
Rev. W. F. Tucker, Seminary Tabernacle Church Salem F. H. Roper "
Rev. W. P. Landers Cong. Church Andover. F. D. Ingraham Middleton "
Rev. Eliza Horr S.D., Maverick E. Boston F. E. Dunnells "
Bro. W. R. Conant Walnut Ave. Roxbury. "

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Council continued.

Rev. F. W. Merrick, Trinity, Neponset.
Rev. ~~Joshua Coit~~ Boston.
Rev. F. N. Palmer Melrose
Rev. Wm. S. Coggin Bot[illegible]ford.
Rev. A. B. Peabody Bot[illegible]boro
Rev. David Brenner Bot[illegible]ford.

Reports from Church and Parish pertaining to the call of Pastor. Elect. were voted approved. The Church letter and licence of the Candidate, were considered satisfactory.

The examination was conducted by the Moderator, Mr. Bradford. Statement of Christian experience, call to the ministry, and System of belief were read, the usual examination ensued, and at 11:36 the Council voted to be by itself. A motion to consider the examination of the Candidate satisfactory was then made and carried.

The Pastor Elect having been informed of the result of the private session of the Council an order of Exercises for the Ordination and Installation services for the afternoon was prepared and adopted as here recorded.

1st Organ Voluntary
2. Anthem.
3. Reading of minutes, Scribe.
4 Invocation — Rev. A. B. Peabody
5. Scripture Reading — Rev. F. H. Merrick.
6. Hymn.
7. Sermon. — Prof. W. F. Tucker.
8. Hymn.
9 Ordaining Prayer — Rev. C. B. Rice.
10. Laying on of Hands
11. Lovely Address.
12. Charge to Pastor — Rev. Elijah Horr D. D.
13. Right Hand of Fellowship — Rev. R. R. Kendall.
14 Charge to the People — Rev. Wm. S. Clarke.
15 Hymn
16 Closing Prayer — Rev. E. C. Ewing.
17 Benediction. — Pastor.

The Scribe was authorized to complete the records. an adjournment was made until 2. P. M. and at the close of the Public Services the Council disolved.

E. C. Ewing Moderator.
W. P. Landers Scribe.
A true Copy W. W. Howe Clerk.

1892

Aug. 28 A letter missive was received from the 1st Church in Georgetown, requesting Pastor and delegate to be in attendence on Sept. 1st to consider and act in regard to the Ordination and Installation of Rev John Rounds Smith, Bro B.S. Barnes was chosen delegate.

Octob. 9th Bro Thomas Sawyer and Sister Mary L. Sawyer, were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches, at the First Church Danvers on Thursday October. 13th

Octob. 12. at a business meeting of the Church the following Contributions for the last 2nd of the year. Octob. the New West Ed. Commission
Nov. The Am. College and Ed. Society.
Dec. The Am. Congregational Union.

Dec. 28. at a meeting of the church it was Voted that the Collections for the 1. 2 & 3 Quarters of the year be as follows. 1st Am. Board. Foreign
2d Am. Home Miss Asso
3d Am. Miss Asso.
the 4th Quar. to be acted upon some future time.

May 21. 1893 A letter missive was read from the Maple St. Church Danvers requesting the attendence of Pastor and delegate on the 24th inst. to consider and act in regard to qualifying, viz., George H. Ewing & Chas. E. Ewing as Missionaries to the North China field, by appointment of the Am. Board. chose Miss Mary L. Sawyer. delegate.

Octob. 4. At a meting of Church it was voted that the Church Contributions for Octob. be devoted to the "New West Education Com" Nov. to the American College & Education Society, the month of December was left open.

Octob. 15. Dea. W. H. Howe & Bro Dr. Stone were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches, to be held at the Central Cong. Church. Lynn. Oct 17. inst.

Nov. 26. A letter missive was received from the Maverick Church. East Boston, requesting the attendence of Pastor and delegate, on the 7th of December next. to consider and act in regard to the Installation of Rev Smith

Baker. Bro. N. W. Howe was chosen delegate
1894 May 6. Bro. F. H. Jones & Bro. J. Perley Killam were chosen
delegates to attend the spring meeting of the
Essex South Conference of Churches to be held
at the West Cong'l. Church Peabody on Wed.
the 9th inst.

July 1. Bro. S. F. Ayers was chosen delegate to
attend a Council to be held at the
First Church in Danvers on Tuesday, July
3d. To advise in the matter of accepting the
resignation of the Pastor Rev. C. B. Kiel.

October 14. Bro. Albert E. Peabody & Bro. Abbie
K. Gage were chosen delegates to attend
the fall meeting of the Essex South
Conference of Churches to be held at the
1st Cong. Church in Swampscott on Wed.
the 17th inst.

Dec. 27. At a meeting of the Church, voted that
the collections for benevolent purposes be
taken as follows. Jan & Feb. Salem College
Mar. Yankton College. April. May & June
Am. Board of Foreign Missions.

July. Aug. & Sept. Am. Miss. Asso. Octob. Nov. Cong. Home Miss Society. December 6th Con.

1895

Jan 27 A letter missive was received from the First Cong. Church in Banner Centre asking our attendence to cooperate with them in ensidering and assisting in the Insallation services of Cusler M. Gee to become their Pastor. Dea. E. H. Lane was chosen delegate

Feb. 10 A letter missive was received from the Memorial Church in Georgetown, asking the attendence of Pastor and delegate to consider the enerdence in regards to dismissing their Pastor Rev. John Rounds Smith, the 11th inst. and assist in the same, Dea. Wm. H. Horne was chosen delegate.

1895.
March 24. A letter missive was read from the Cong. Church in Springfield requesting the attendance of Pastor and delegate to consider and act in regard to the Installation (Ordination) Services of Rev. Francis A. Doyle on Tues. April 2. 1895. Bro. Albert E. Peabody was chosen delegate

May 15. At a meeting of the Church, Bro. Wm. W. Howe was selected Deacon for five years Ending May. 15. 1900. Deacon L. H. Lance was also selected Deacon for the same term of years. (5 years) their terms of Office having Expired.

May 19. At a meeting of the church Bro. Wm. W. Howe was chosen delegate to attend the General Association of the Cong. Churches of Massachusetts. to be held in the Central Church Springfield. beginning Tuesday May 21. and closing Thursday Evening.

1895
may 22. At a meeting of the Church it was voted to increase the number of Deacons to three. Chose Bro. John Wm Parkhurst to fill that Office, for the term of five years. ending may 22. 1900.

Octob. 30. At a meeting of the church it was voted to abolish the nominating Committee for one year. / this committee consisted of three members of the Church, a committee to nominate delegates to the several conventions / and nominate from the floor. chose Bro. Wm H. Howe, Bro. E. A. Bradford & miss. Mollie Cleveland a committee to select a Hymn and Tune Book. for the Prayer Service at the Church.

1896 Church Offerings for 1896.
Jan 22 As per Vote of the Church Jan. for the Armenian Sufferers, Feb- ruar. & April. Am. Miss. Asso. May. June. & July. for Board of Comm. for Foreign Miss. Aug. Sept. Octob. Eng. Home Miss. Society. Nov. Eng. Education Society. December. Eng. Church Building Society.

1896.

Octob 28th At meeting of the Church it was Voted to invite the Sister Churches in the Essex South Conference to hold the Spring Conference with us. in May 1897.

1897

Sept 8 A letter missive was received from the First Cong. Church in Danvers, asking Our attendance to cooperate with them in Consulting & assisting in the Ordination & installation services of Henry C Adams to become their Pastor. Dea. Wm H. Howe was chosen Delagate.

Octob 6th Dea. Wm H. Howe & Wife were chosen delegates to attend the Essex South Conference of Churches to be held at the Cong. Church Manchester. Mass. on Wednesday October 20th 1897.

The Evangelical Congregational Church in Middleton, to the Congregational Church in Boxford,

sendeth greeting.

Dear Brethren:

Whereas, our Pastor, the Reverend Warren P. Landers, has tendered the resignation of his office as Pastor of this Church, and the Church (and Society) have voted to accept the same, subject to the advice of Council; this is to request your attendance by your Pastor and a delegate, in Ecclesiastical Council, at our house of Worship in this place, on the 28th day of February next, at two o'clock P. M., to examine the facts, and advise us in the premises.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace,

We are yours in the Gospel,

Warren P. Landers Pastor.

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(Continued from preceding page) 1898.

(Signed)

E. W. Wilkins
John W. Demsey
Galen B. Howe
Allen D. Bryer
F. P. Merriam
Samuel A. Fletcher

} Committee of the Church and Society

Middleton, Mass. Feb. 20, A. D. 1898.

The Churches invited to sit in Council are the following:—

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| Congregational Church, | Bpford. |
| Congregational Church, | Topsfield. |
| Congregational Church, | West Peabody. |
| South Congregational Church, | Peabody. |
| First Congregational Church, | Danvers. |
| Maple Street Church, | Danvers. |
| Washington Street Church, | Beverly. |

By invitation

Rev. C. B. Rice, D. D.
Rev. De Witt S. Clark D. D.

A true copy
Attest John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

In accordance with the foregoing invitation Deacon John W. Parkhurst was appointed delegate February 27th 1898.

Attest John W. Parkhurst
Church Clerk.

Members of the Church at the time of Mr Alcotts installation March 30. 1884
(arranged by Mr Alcott)

Residents

Andrews. Mrs Nancy G. Died 1884
Atherton Wm H. Died June 7th 1896
" Mrs " " Died July 8th 1897.
Averill Mrs John died Feb. 1. 1896
" " Joseph. Died July. 13th 1892.
Ayers S. Frank
" Mrs " "
" Miss Lizzie

Barnes Benj. S.
" Mrs " "
" B. Frank (Dismissed to Centre Cong. Church Haverhill, Mass.
Batcheldeer Mrs Melissa P. Died. Feb. 25. 1897.
" Miss Annie D. Dismissed Dec 25. 1892 Cong. Church Topsfield
Bixby Dea. Samuel (died April 20/81
" Miss Abbie M.
Brenner Miss Mary K.
Brown Mrs Albert (died July 10./81

Members March 30. 1881 Continued

Cheney Hiram L.
" Mrs " "
⊗ Cleaveland James P. Died Dec. 24. 1892
" Mrs " "
" Mrs Wm P.
† " Miss Mary N. Tabernacle of Salem Died Dec 19. 1889
† " " Harriet Tabernacle of Salem Died Dec 19. 1892
⊗ Coggin Rev Wm H Died Sept 10th 1895
" Mrs " "
⊗ " Miss Florence E, Died Feb. 27 1897.
⊗ Cole Dea John K, Died Sept 10th 1891
⊗ " Mrs " Died Nov. 5. 1895.
Conant Daniel W.
" Mrs " Wilmot Ann - Cong church
X " Wm R. Dismissed Nov. 28. 1886 Brethren
⊗ Dorman Ansell Died, Nov. 17. 1886.
⊗ " Mrs " Died Jan. 14. 1889
" Mrs Elisabeth

Elliott Mrs J. A.
Emerson Miss Louisa*
Frame Mrs Andrew

French Mrs Walter Died Oct. 7-1890
Frye Miss Susan M, Dismissed 1884 1st Church Woburn.

Gage Mrs Abby R.
Gould Daniel Died Mar. 14. 1888.
" Mrs " Died Jan. 7 1883
" Miss Mary A. B,
Grover Leonard Died
" Mrs " Died Jan. 2. 1893
Gurley Richard F. died Feb 8th 1890.
" Mrs " "
" Mrs Samuel P.
Hale John Died Mar. 7. 1888
" Mrs " died June 2/81
" Mrs Margaret
" Mrs Sarah S,
" Miss Ellen M,+
Hood Miss Sarah Died April 27th 1893
Hooper Miss Sarah E.+
Howe Wm A. Died Mar. 1. 1895.
" Mrs " Died Mar. 2. 1895.
" Mrs Wm B,+

Howe Miss Margaret A.
" Wm W. Died Feb 21st 1898
X " Jas. H. Dismissed Methodist Church Green Castle Ind.
" Sarah E. +
" Eliza E.
James Joseph H.
Ø " Mrs " died Sept. 5. 1896
" Miss Florence
Killam Mrs Samuel
" Miss Frances E. +
" George B.
" Mrs " "
" Mrs Elisabeth Dismissed Jan 2 1882 Church
X " Minot Centre Cong Haverhill
" Mrs John L.
Matthews Mrs Wm G.
Moulton Mrs Henry
Parkhurst Frank L. +
" Mrs " " +
" John W.
Ø " Miss Harriet Died Octob 26th 1896
Perley Miss Mary E.
Ø " " Lucy [illegible] 28th

members March 30. 1881 continued

⊗ Sawyer John died Octr. 27th 1891.
" Mrs "
" Miss Mary
⊗ " Mrs Thomas died April 28 1893
" Miss Susan M. +
Smith Mrs Martha
⊗ Stevens Mrs Rebecca J. died Aug 5th 1895
⊗ Strout Mrs Peter died March 2d 1892
⊖ Towne Orrin L. died Nov. 8 1870
" Hiram
+ Twisden Miss Eliza J. removed April 26 1891 to Fourth church Ipswich
Twitchell Mrs Geo W. 94

## Nonresidents

Barnes Mrs Louis A. Gainsville Fla.
⊗ Batchelder Nancy C.
Black Frank K. removed Fort Mead Florida
+ Black Mrs J. F. Shelby Iron Works Ala.
⊗ Brown John H. died
Bruce Mrs James Gardner Mass
+ Cleveny Miss Mary J. Harvard church Brookline mass.
+ Fryer Miss Charlotte B. Topsfield 1883
transferred April 22 to 1st Church Topsfield

Frye Miss Lizzie — Topsfield — dismissed Cong. Church
Perley Mrs Margaret — dismissed Dec. 23. 1883 1st Cong. church Georgetown — Wenham
~~Howe Mrs Geo W~~ died Sept. 6 1875
Hubbard Alonzo — Peabody
Kennett James — Georgetown
Keyes Mrs Wm — died July 24. 1895 — Haverhill
Kimball Henry J. died Dec. 24. 1897 — Ashburnham
" Mrs Jefferson — Middleton
Lowe Mrs Lucinda — Hudson
" Solomon W — Haverhill
" Mrs " " "
Palmer Charles H. — 4th Cong. Church
Peabody Stephen — Newburyport
Perley Mrs John M. — dismissed 1st Cong. church Georgetown — 1st Cong. Georgetown
Persons Oscar — Hudson
~~Nellie A. Wyatt~~ — ~~1st Church~~ — May 9th 1883.
Riggs Mrs Ellen A. — Newburyport — Wenham
Sawyer Thomas K. — dismissed 2nd Cong. Church — Atkinson N.H.
Smith Mrs Elisabeth S — Beverly
Todd Mrs Wm G — Banderia Texas
Twisden Mrs John — dismissed 1st Church 1884 — Danvers
Wilkins Mrs Frederic — dismissed 1st Cong. church Middleton
" Herbert — 1st Cong. church Middleton

Anne E. Allen A. B. Dorchester Dismissed Cong. Church Haverhill
Wm F. Sawyer Dismissed Cong. Church Georgetown

# Admissions

1881. May 8th " Rev. Wm P. Alcott and wife Mrs Lucy R, were admitted by vote as members of this Church on letters of recommendation from the Second Congregational Church in North Chelmsford Mass,
: Dismissed to the Linebrook Con. Church Ipswich Mass- March 3. 1889

Sept 4. 1881
× Ada Louise Cleaveland } dismissed May 30th 1895. St. Johns Episcopal Church. Hampton, Virginia
Bessie Cleaveland } By profession

1882
Jany 1st " Martha C. Twitchell died April 4. 1897
× Emma E. Atherton Dismissed Sept. 14th 1890 Immanuel Cong. Church Roxbury Boston Mass

May 7th 1882. Mrs Lydia S. Howe " "

March 4th Arthur B. Batchelder. " "
Annie L. Conant " "
Alice M. Eagle " "
× Dora E. Howe Dismissed Nov. 1891 Cong. Church Stoneham Mass-
Marion Eaton " "

# Admissions

1883 Frame received to the Church — during the ministry of Rev. K. K. Kendall.

1883
Dec. 30. Jane Rice Bennell was admitted by Vote as a member of this Church, on a letter of recommendation from the Baptist Church Rowley Mass.

1884

March, 2d Mary L. Averill. By profession.
1883 Mar. 1st Florence M. Averill. " "
Sept. 6 Thomas Perley Killam. " " Nor. Church Springfield mass
× Herbert E. Gage " " Tennessee
Nov. 1st Miss Annette Sawyer.
~~Wm. H. Dow~~
× Pascal Arthur Herrick (Baptized in Dec. 1882) Maryland
Lavern B. Whitehill
× Mrs. A. Peabody was admitted by vote, as a member of this Church, on a letter of recommendation from the Methodist Church, New-England Conference Boston District, Brookline Station in 1884.

1886

Mar. 7th ✕ R. A. McClane. By Letter. Dismissed July 24. 1887 Greenville N. H.

1887

Sept. ✕ † Mrs Dolly T. Nichols Dismissed Feb 19th 1888 Granite St. Church. Salem Mass

1888 ✕ Mrs & Rev. R. R. Kendall. By Letter Dismissed Sep 20, 1891. 1st Church Weymouth Mass

May 6. Miss Ida Bixby. Profession Dismissed July 7th 1890 Andover Cong Church

✕ Aug. 25 ✕ Mrs. Chas. Kelley By Letter Dismissed aug. 25 1889

Dec 30 ✕ Miss Ella A. Osgood 1st M. E. Church Dismissed Sept. 20. 1891 Lynn Mass.

1889 ✕ Feb 24. Mrs Hannah B. Kendall 2d Cong Church Weymouth Mass

1889.

May 5 Miss Alice P. Cleaveland. By Profession

" Mary W. Cleaveland. "

" Edith H. Howe. "

" Edna P. Todd. "

" Clara M. Keyes. "

" Lizzie F. Frye. "

Mrs. Harriett V. Frye. "

Mr. & Mrs Lawrence B. Liddle. "

⊗ Mr. Thomas Sawyer. Died April 22 1895

⊗ Edward W. Towne Died Sept 3d 1895

Frederick G. Todd. "

+ Miss Amy Kendall By Profession
+ " Jennie Kendall " Resigned Sept. 20 1891
1st Church Weymouth, Mass
Dismissed Sept 20 1891
Frederick Rabb " 1st Church Weymouth Mass
Chas. W. Paul "
× Chas. Keller Dismissed July 7. 1890 " N. Andover Cong. Church
Mrs. Thomas P. Killam "
⊗ Carrol E. Todd Died Aug 22 1891
Mrs Walter Norward " from Cumbs Church Salem Mass
~~Dismissed Cumbs Church~~ ~~Mrs Walter Norward~~ ~~1896~~
Sept 1. Miss Mary H. Alcott " Profession
1890
Jan 5. Joseph Wilkins " "
May 4 ⊗ Miss Lucy Symonds Died July 13. 1893 " Letter
" " Miss Nan A. Peters " "
1892
Jan. 10 Albert E. Peabody " "
" " Miss Sarah P. Peabody " "
~~Octob 23. Mrs. Elisabeth A. Twisden~~ To Page 136.
~~Dec. 18 Mrs Rev. Emery C. Bradford~~ "

Members of the Church at the time of Mr. Bradford's Installation, July 1st 1892.

Atherton Wm. H. Died
" Mrs Wm. H. Died
Alcott Miss. Mary. H.
Averill Mrs. John. Died
" " Joseph. Died
" Miss Mary L.
" " Florence M.
Ayers S. Frank.
" Mrs. S. Frank.
Barnes Benj. S.
" Mrs Benj. S.
Batchelder Mrs. Melissa. Died
Bixby Miss Abbie M.
" " Ida.
Brenner Miss. Mary K.
Batchelder Arthur B.
Black. Frank K.
Bruce. Mrs. James.
Cheney. Hiram. L.
" Mrs. Hiram. L.

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| Cleveland. | James P. | Died | |
| " | Mrs. James P. | | |
| " | Mrs. Wm P. | | |
| X " | Miss Ada. Louise. | Dismissed March 30th 1898 to St John's Church Hampton, Va. | |
| " | " Bessie. | | |
| " | " Alice. P. | | |
| " | " Mary N. | | |
| Chapman. | Mrs. Stephen. | Died | |
| Cole. | Mrs. John K. | Died | |
| Coggin. | Rev. Wm S. | Died | |
| " | Mrs. Wm S. | | |
| " | Miss. Florence E. | Died | |
| Conant. | Daniel W. | | |
| " | Mrs. Daniel W. | | |
| Dorman. | Mrs. Mary P. | Died | 1898. |
| Divinell. | Mrs. Rose. | | |
| Elliott. | Mrs. James A. | | |
| Frame. | Mrs. Andrew. | | |
| Frye. | Mrs. Samuel. | | |
| " | Miss Lizzie F. | | |
| Gage | Mrs. Abbie K. | | |

## Names of Members Continued.

Gage. Miss. Alice. M.
Gould. Miss. Mary A. B.
Gurley. Mrs. Richard. F.
" " Mrs. Samuel. P.
Hale. Mrs. Margaret.
" Mrs. Sarah. S.
Hood. Miss Sarah. Died
Hooper. Miss Sarah. E.
Hubbard. Almira.
Huzzey. Mrs. Annie L.
Howe. Dea. Wm. W. Died
" Mrs. Wm. W.
Howe. Wm. Appleton. Died
" Mrs. Wm. Appleton. Died
" Miss Margaret. A.
" Mrs. Wm. B.
" Miss Eliza. E.
" Mrs. Nath. L.
" Mrs Edward.
" Miss. Edith. H.
Killam. George. B.

Killam. Mrs George. B.
" Miss Frances. E.
Kenneth. James.
Keyes. Mrs. Wm Died
Kimball. Henry. F.
Keyes. Miss. Clara. M.
Kimball. Mrs. Jefferson.
Lane. Dea. Joseph. H.
" Mrs Joseph. H. Died
" Miss Florence. H.
Killam Mrs. John. L.
" Thomas. P.
" Mrs Thomas. P.
" Mrs. Samuel.
" Mrs. Wm E.
Leach Mrs. Charles.
Lowe. Mrs. Lucinda. M. Died
" Solomon. W.
" Mrs. Solomon. W.
Matthews. Mrs. Wm G.
Moulton. Mrs. Henry.

## Names of members Continued:

Norwood. Walter.
" Mrs. Walter.
Perley. Mrs. Charles.
" Miss Mary. E.
" Miss Mary. A.
Parkhurst. Frank. L. Dismissed to United Union Congl. Ch. Lawre Jan. 18, 1899.
" Mrs. Frank. L. " " " " " "
" Miss Hattie. E. Died
" John. William
Palmer. Charles. L.
Peabody. Albert. E.
" Miss. Sarah. P.
Paul. Charles. W.
Riggs. Mrs. Ellen A.
Rabbe. Frederick
Sawyer. Mrs. James. B.
" Mrs. John.
" Miss. Mary. L.
" Thomas. Died
" Mrs. Thomas. Died
" Miss. Annett.

## Names of members Continued.

Smith. Mrs. Calvin.
" Mrs. Nat.
Stevens. Mrs. Rebecca. Died Aug. 5. 1895.
Symonds. Miss Lucy. Died
Towne. Hiram. N.
" Edward. W. Died
Twitchell. Mrs. George. H.
Todd. Mrs. Wm. G.
" Fred. G.
" Edna. P.
Tidds. Lawrence. B.
" Mrs. Lawrence B.
Twisden. Mrs. Thomas.
" Mrs. John.
Wilkins Joseph.

## Recapitulation.

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| Male. | 32 |
| Female. | 89 |
| | 121 |

"Admissions"

Persons received into the Church during the Ministry of Rev. Emery L. Bradford.

1892.

Octob. 23. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smisden By letter.
Dec. 18. Mr. & Mrs. Rev. E. L. Bradford " "
1893.
Sept. 3. Miss. Annie M. Hurlbutt " profession
" " " Alice M. " " "
" " " † Jessie M. Babson Died " 189
" " " Gertrude H. French " "
" " " Mary A. Herrick " "
" " " Sadie M. Matthews " "
1894.
Mar. 4. Wm. P. Cleveland " "
" " Albert G. Hurlbutt " "
" " Mrs. " " " "
" " Wm. B. Howe " "
" " Chas. A. Bixby " "
" " S. Arthur Myers " "
" " L. Proctor McNeil " "
" " Miss. Charlotte B. Matthews " "
" " " Nettie H. Conant " "
" " " Rosa M. Libby " "
May 6 George B. Parshley " "
" " Oliver M. Howe " "
" " † Daniel Austin Conant Died Jan. 4th 1898
" " Mrs. Walter French " "

1894.
May 6. Miss. Mary Lane Perley By Profession.
" " Mrs. Hiram N. Towne " "
1895
Jan 2. " Gertrude C. Parkhurst By Letter.

1896
Jan. 1 Mrs. Cynthia P. Moore by Letter
" " Miss. Angie F. Moore " Profession
" " Mrs. Ada L. Buck " "

1898
April 27. Rev. A. B. Peabody by letter from Cong. Ch. Boxboro. Mass
" " Mrs. Sarah A.E. Peabody " " " " " " "
" " Miss Lucie A. Peabody " " " " " " "
" " Miss Grace I. Peabody " " " " " " "
" " Mrs Carrie Brown " " " Parker St. M.E. Church
Lawrence, Mass.

# Baptisms

Sept 4. 1881
Miss Ada Louise Heaveland
" Bessie " Heaveland.

Oct 23. Gertrude Eastman Wilkins infant daughter of F. H. & Susie E. Wilkins of Middleton

1882
Jany 1st Martha G. Twitchell
May 7th Mrs Lydia A. Howe

1883
Mar. 4th Arthur B. Bachelder
Miss Dora E. Howe
" Marion Pearson

1884

Mar. 2 Mary Averrill
1885
Mar. 1st Florence M. Averrill
Sept 6 Thomas Perley Kilham
Nathali Howe infant daughter of
1889 N. L. & Susie S. Howe.
July 14th Lee Roy Kirk Howe Infant Son of
N. L. & Susie S. Howe
" Ralph Davis Norward & Walter Harison

# Baptisms

1889
July 14th
Howard, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Howard.
Clarence Emmett Fiddle, Infant Son of
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence B. Fiddle.

1890
May 4. Winifried Chadwick Parkhurst, infant
daughter of Rev. W^m & Gertrude Parkhurst.

July 7th Lucy Jessie Killam, Infant daughter of
J. Perley & Lillian Killam.

1893
May 7 Amy Gertrude Parkhurst, Infant daughter
of Rev. W^m & Gertrude Parkhurst

1894.
June 17. Ruth Bradford, Infant daughter
of Rev. E. L. & Carrie L. Bradford

1896
May 24 Ralph Howe son of N. L. & Susan S.
Howe. at the home of R. B. Sawyer.

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1896

December 25th Catherine Elisabeth, & Alice Gertrude.
Children of Mr. & Mrs. Chas, Reed of
1897. Gardner Mass, at the home of A.G. Hustbutt
Mar. 7

Percy Dorman & Alice Achsah children
of Mr. & Mrs. Walter French

# Dismissions.

1882

Sept. 4. Mrs Wm Keyes received a letter of dismission, from the 1st Church Bxford, and a recommendation to the North Church Haverhill, but she has changed her mind and will remain as a member of this Church.

Dec. 19. Misses Mary N. & Hattie Cleaveland received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford and a recommendation to the — Tabernacle Church, Salem.

1883

April 22 Mrs George A. Hilder received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford and a recommendation to the Cong. Church in Topsfield.

Dec. 23. Mrs. Margret H. Perley received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford, and a recommendation to the 1st Cong. church, Georgetown.

1884

Jan. 1 Miss Susan M. Frye received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford and a recommendation

to the First Cong: Church Woburn, Mass.

1884

Feb 24th Mrs & Mrs. Wm F. Sawyer, received a letter of dismission, from 1st Church in Bedford and a recommendation to Memorial Church in Georgetown,

Nov. 2d Mrs Fred. Wilkins, received a letter of dismission, from the 1st Church Bedford, and a recommendation to the Cong. Church in Middleton,

1885

Mar. 1st Mrs. Carrie B. Wilkins received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bedford, and a recommendation to the Cong. Church in Middleton.

Also Lamis H. Howe, received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bedford, and a recommendation to the College Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Green Castle Ind,

1885

Nov. 3 Mrs. Annie Sawyer Black received a letter of Dismission from the 1st Church Bedford, and a recommendation to the 1st Congtl Church Fort Mead Florida.

1886.

Feb. 7th Miss M. Jennie Lavery received a letter of Dismission from the 1st Cong. Church Bedford; and a recommendation to the Harvard Cong- Church. Brookline Mass.

Mar. 7th Mr. Stephen Peabody, received a letter of Dismission from the 1st Church Bedford; and a recommendation to the 4th Cong. Church Newburyport Mass

May 9th Miss Lizzie Frye, received a letter of dismission from the 1st Cong. Church Bedford; and a recommendation to the Cong. church in Topsfield Mass.

Nov. 28. Wm R. Conant received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bofford, and a recommendation to the Walnut Ave. Church, Cong- Boston Mass

Dec. 12 Mrs Elisha A. Peabody, received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bofford, and a recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal Church Tapleyville Danvers Mass.

1887

Jan. 2. Minot Killam received a letter of dismission, from the 1st Church Bofford, and a recomendation to the Centre Cong. Church Haverhill Mass.

June 19th Mrs Ellen A. Jordan received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bofford, and a recomendation to the Riverside Cong- Church Haverhill Mass.

1887 Dismission Continued.

Dec. 24. B. F. Barnes received a letter of Dismission from the 1st Church Bedford, and recommendation to the Central Church Haverhill. Mass.

1888 Feb 19th Mrs Dolly F. Nichols received a letter of Dismission from the 1st Church Bedford and recommendation to the Crombie St. Church Salem Mass.

1889 Mar 3d Rev. Wm P. Alcott & Wife received a letter of dismission from the 1st Cong. Church Bedford, and recommendation to the Linebrook Cong. Church Ipswich, Mass.

Aug 25. Miss Ella A. Osgood received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bedford and a recommendation, to the 1st M. E. Church, Amesbury Mass.

1889 Dec. 29th Herbert E. Gage received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bedford and a recommendation, to the North Cong. Church Springfield Mass.

1890 Dismission Continued.

July 7th Chas. Kelley, received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford; and recommendation to the Cong: Church North Andover. Mass.

1891 April 6th Miss E. A. Swisden, received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford; and recommendation to the Second Cong Church Danvers Mass.

April 26th Miss Charlie A. Ricker, received a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford; and recommendation to the South Cong. Church Ipswich Mass.

Dec 28. At a meeting of the Church, Miss Annie L. Hussey was granted a letter of dismission from the 1st Church Bxford; and recommendation to the Cong-Church Topsfield Mass.

1898.

March 30th At a meeting of the Church. Miss. Ada Louise Clearland was granted a letter of dismission from the 1st Congl. Church Boxford; and a recommendation to St John's Episcopal Church in Hampton, Virginia.

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